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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JANUARY 28, 1970 FEDERAL MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE STATEMENT ON STERN STORY, AS REPORTED BY
BONN 991 OF JANUARY 29, 1970. BEGIN TEXT.

"USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR DEFENDING THE NATO AREA IS
SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION AMONG THE ALLIES. PROPOSALS TO
THIS EFFECT WERE MADE BY THE US AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL
MEETING IN ATHENS IN 1962 AND AGREED UPON BY THE
CONFERENCE (ATHENS GUIDELINES).

AT THEIR BRUSSELS MEETING IN DECEMBER 1969, THE NATO
MINISTERS COPED WITH THIS SUBJECT ONCE MORE AND IMPROVED
THE CONSULTATION PROCEDURE. AT THAT CONFERENCE, THE
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MINISTERS ALSO AGREED ON GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR

WEAPONS WHICH GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE PROBLEM OF

PROTECTING THEIR PEOPLE. THESE GUIDELINES ARE BASED ON
THE SELF-EVIDENT PRINCIPLE OF NOT DESTROYING WHAT IS TO BE
DEFENDED. THESE ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES HAD BEEN REQUIRED
AS A RESULT OF ADAPTATION OF THE NATO STRATEGY TO FLEXIBLE
RESPONSE.

THE DOCUMENT CITED BY THE PRESS WHICH, AS INDICATED BY
WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED BY A GERMAN
ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, IS NOT A NATO DOCUMENT. THEREFORE, IT
CANNOT PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATO DEFENSE CONCEPT." END

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